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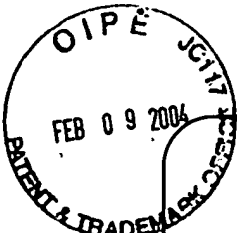
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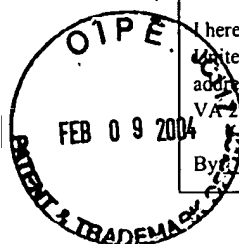
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Inventor(s)	Publication No.	Publication Date	Atty. Docket No.	Cite No.
M. Chobotov	US 2002/0116048 A1	08/22/2002	021630-000120US	MD
M. Chobotov	US 2003/0216802 A1	11/20/2003	021630-000130US	NB
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M. Chobotov	6,395,019 B2	5/28/2002	021630-000100US	IT

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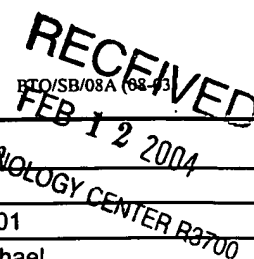
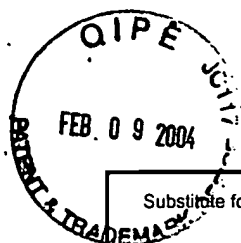
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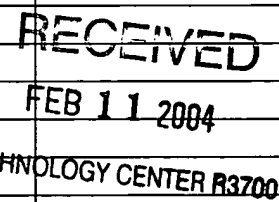
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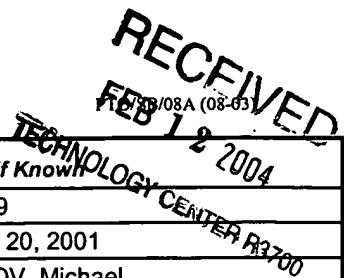
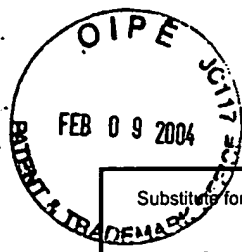
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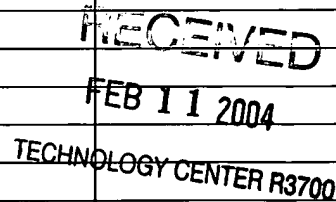
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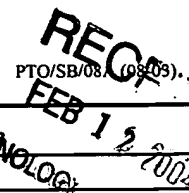
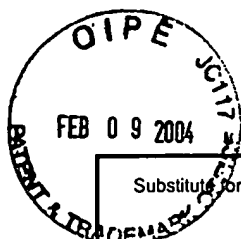
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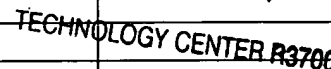
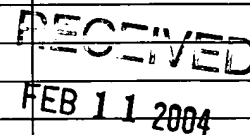
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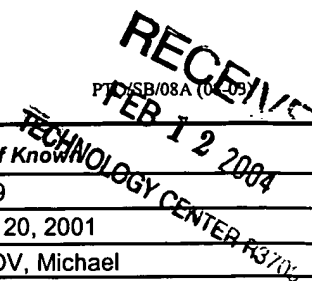
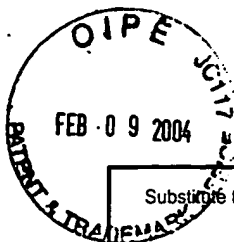
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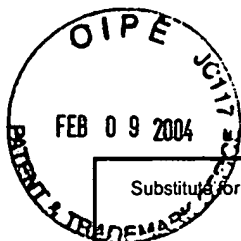


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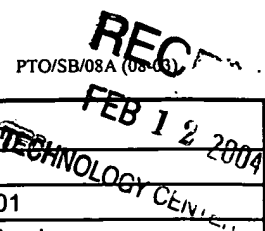
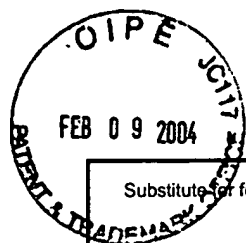
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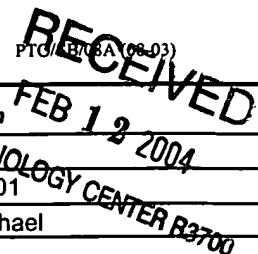
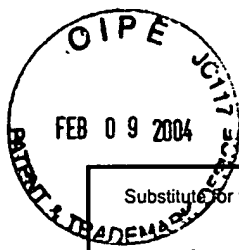
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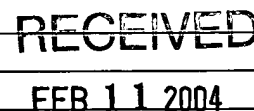
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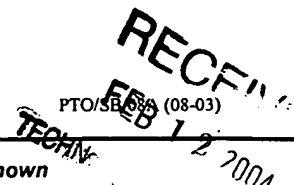
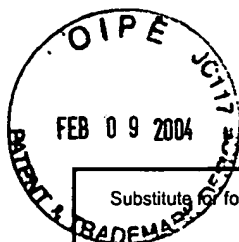
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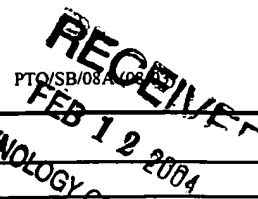
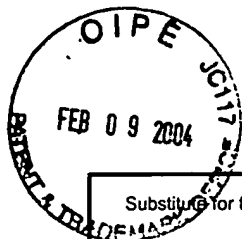
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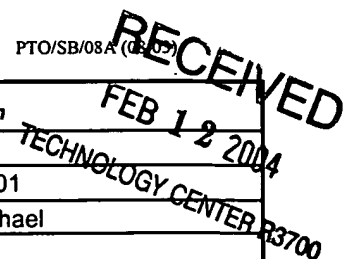
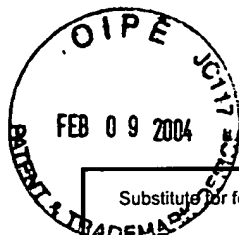
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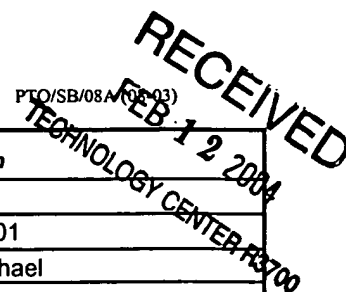
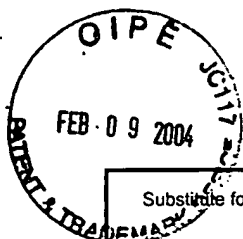
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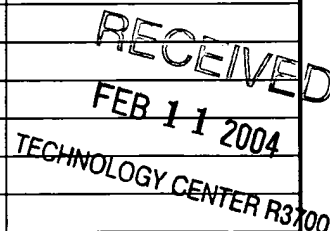
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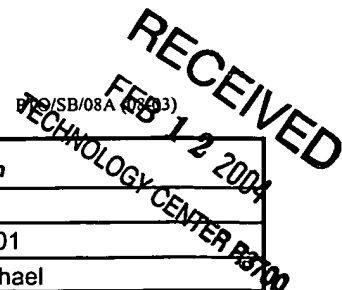
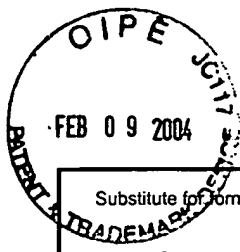
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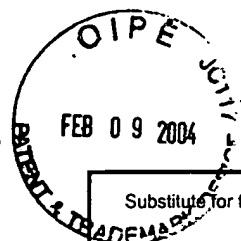


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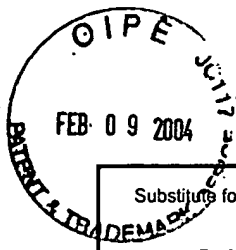
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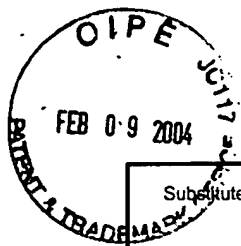
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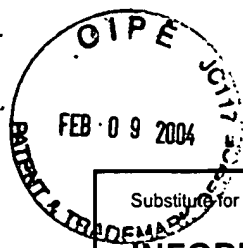
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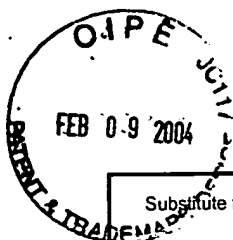
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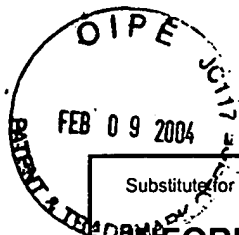
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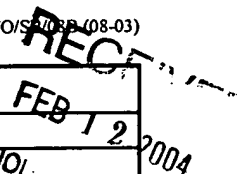
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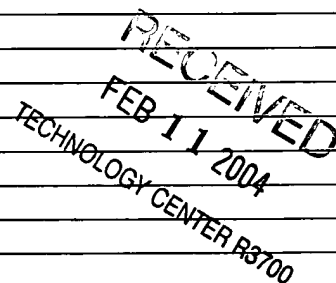
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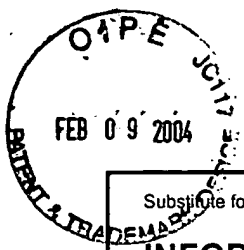
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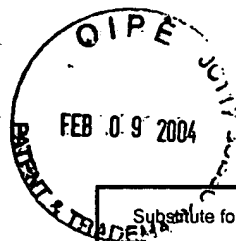
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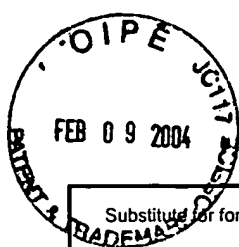
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